

SAN FRANCISCO OPERA
KURT HERBERT ADLER, GENERAL DIRECTOR

presents the

SHERWIN M. GOLDMAN
and
HOUSTON GRAND OPERA
production of

JUNE 21-26
1977

PORGY AND BESS

Music by George Gershwin

Libretto by DuBose Heyward

Lyrics by DuBose Heyward and Ira Gershwin

Founded on the play *Porgy* by Dorothy and DuBose Heyward

CAST

(in order of appearance)

<i>Jasbo Brown</i>	PAUL CONNELLY
<i>Clara</i>	ELIZABETH GRAHAM
<i>Mingo</i>	WARDELL WOODARD
<i>Jake</i>	BRUCE A. HUBBARD
	JUBILANT SYKES
<i>Sportin' Life</i>	LARRY MARSHALL
	RONALD E. RICHARDSON
<i>Robbins</i>	RODRICK ROSS
<i>Serena</i>	DELORES IVORY-DAVIS
	WILMA SHAKESNIDER
	SHIRLEY BAINES
<i>Jim</i>	HARTWELL MACE
<i>Peter</i>	MERVIN WALLACE
<i>Lily</i>	BARBARA BUCK
<i>Maria</i>	JOANNE JACKSON
	GWENDOLYN SHEPHERD
<i>Scipio</i>	ERIC GRAHAM
<i>Porgy</i>	DONNIE RAY ALBERT
	ROBERT MOSLEY
	BRUCE A. HUBBARD
	MICHAEL SMARTT
<i>Crown</i>	GEORGE ROBERT MERRITT
	ANDREW SMITH

<i>Bess</i>	WILHELMENIA FERNANDEZ
	GAIL NELSON
	NAOMI MOODY
<i>Detective</i>	JOSEPH WARREN
<i>Policeman</i>	WILLIAM GAMMON
<i>Undertaker</i>	MICHAEL SMARTT
<i>Annie</i>	SHIRLEY BAINES
<i>Frazier</i>	RAYMOND BAZEMORE
<i>Strawberry Woman</i>	LORETTA GILES
<i>Crab Man</i>	STEVEN ALEX-COLE
<i>Coroner</i>	JOHN B. ROSS

Ensemble

Steven Alex-Cole	Barbara Mahajan
Vanessa Ayers	Diane Matthew
Shirley Baines	Patricia McDermott
Earl Baker	Margery A. Medina
Kenneth Bates	Dianne Randolph
Clyde Battles	Dwight Ransom
Raymond Bazemore	Ronald E. Richardson
Barbara Buck	Rodrick Ross
Loretta Giles	Gwendolyn Shepherd
Earl Grandison	Michael Smartt
Alma Johnson	Jubilent Sykes
Janet Jordan	Mervin Wallace
	Daniel Washington
Donald Walter Kase	Wardell Woodard
Christal Lockley	Barbara Louise Young
Hartwell Mace	

Principal Conductor
C. William Harwood

Sets
Robert Randolph

Costumes
Nancy Potts

Lighting
Gilbert V. Hemsley, Jr.

Additional scenic elements for Kittiwah Island designed by John Rothgeb

Choreographer and Assistant Director
Mabel Robinson
Assistant Conductor
Paul Connelly

Production Stage Manager
and Assistant Director

Helaine Head

Musical Preparation
George Darden

Musical Director and Chorus Master
John DeMain

Production Directed By
Jack O'Brien

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